



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 29, 2021**  
**Schedule 8**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** For the bill introduction deadline, all bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8. As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILL INTRODUCED January 29, 2021**

**SB 658**     **Senator Kagan, et al**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –  
ESTABLISHMENT AND TRANSFER OF MARYLAND 9-1-1 BOARD

Renaming the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to be the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; establishing the Department as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government; providing that the head of the Department is the Secretary of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; transferring the Maryland 9-1-1 Board from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Department; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, GP, HG, LE, NR, and SG, Various Sections - amended and PS, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 29, 2021****SB 509 Senator Peters****NATIONAL CAPITAL STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the definition of “national capital region” for the purposes of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program; requiring in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, that 75% of the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund to be used for community enhancement projects in sustainable communities located within the boundary of Interstate 495 in the State and the District of Columbia; and requiring in fiscal year 2024 that 100% of the Fund be used for enhancement projects in certain sustainable communities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 6-701 and 6-710 - amended

Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

**SB 561 Senators Hershey and Eckardt****ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES – MEETINGS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing annual and special meetings of the members of an electric cooperative to be conducted in person, virtually, or both; requiring the notice of annual and special meetings to include certain information; altering certain requirements for a quorum; repealing a requirement that for voting to occur by mail or electronic transmission, the manner must be provided in the cooperative’s bylaws; and authorizing voting to be conducted in a certain manner in accordance with the cooperative’s bylaws.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CA, §§ 5-616 through 5-619 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance